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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3772
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGA: SNAR, HK

SUBJECT: OPIUM-THE STATISTICAL MORASS

REF: STATE 18257

1. HKG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER'S OFFICER OFFICIALLY ESTIMATES
DRUG ADDICT POPULATION TO BE BETWEEN 80,000 AND 100,000 PER-
SONS. THE ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, IS ONLY A ROUGH APPROXIMATION,
AND IS NOT BASED ON ANY COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL SURVEY.

2. HKG CURRENTLY ESTIMATES THE 90 PERCENT OF ADDICT POPULATION
USES HEROIN #3. WHILE THE OTHER 10 PERCENT CONTINUES
TO USE OPIUM. AVERAGE DAILY DOSAGES OF THE HEROIN ADDICTS
APPEARS TO BE IN THE 100 TO 200 MILLIGRAM (OF HEROIN #3, 30
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PERCENT PURITY) RANGEAM BUT WIDE VARIANCE IN THESE DOSES
DUE TO PRICE, AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY IS REPORTED. VIRTUALLY
NO HEROIN #4 IS AVAILABLE HERE.
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Message Attributes

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